

MEETING of the Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee held Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shirley Hodson, Albert Lapierre, and Mona Minutelli

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ronald Blanchard and Richard Rouleau(alternate member) were absent; Raymond Menard and Kathan Mospaw (alternate member) were excused

Business to be considered and acted upon:

1. VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee held on June 3, 2009 as printed and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Mona Minutelli. Seconded by Albert Lapierre. The vote was unanimous by the three members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Shirley Hodson, Albert Lapierre and Mona Minutelli. Raymond Menard and Ronald Blanchard were not present.

2. Unfinished business:

A) Discuss response from Jonathan B. Loring of the June Rockwell Levy Foundation regarding Levy Foundation grant application.

1) Include possibility of reapplying with the intent of using grant funds for purposes other than public relations.

2) Discussion of funds currently available to the committee.

Discussion: Shirley Hodson, Chair, noted that the Levy Foundation had denied the application. Mrs. Hodson suggested that the Committee could reapply for specific items that were not of a political nature.

Shirley Hodson, Chair, indicated that:

- She had not yet spoken with John P. Mainville, Finance Director, regarding the money raised by the Committee. Mrs. Hodson noted that Kathan Mospaw had assured her that the Committee could use those funds for project concerns without restriction.**
- The Town Council would vote at the July 22, 2009 meeting to set the date for the special election.**
- The Committee would increase the frequency of their meetings. Meetings had been scheduled for August 5, 2009 and August 19, 2009.**
- The Committee would move forward after the Town Council had set the date for the special election.**
- There was correspondence on file from Richard A. Bernardo to Michael C. Wood regarding a problem at the site. Council President Nancy F. Binns noted that Mrs. Hodson was referring to the placement of the retention basin.**
- The Committee would discuss funds further at a future meeting.**

3. Review/consider/act on pending issues:

A) Correspondence from Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk, relative to requirements under state law for ballot question advocacy and reporting.

Discussion: None

B) Correspondence from O'Hearne Associates, Slatersville, RI

1) Criteria for requests for proposals for architects

2) Work accomplished to date by Raymond Menard relative to the proposed center

Discussion: Shirley Hodson, Chair, suggested that this matter would be addressed at a later date.

C) Ballot advocacy

1) Committee plans for advocacy

2) Opponents efforts to date

Discussion: Shirley Hodson, Chair, indicated that this matter would be addressed after the date of the election had been set by the Town Council.

4. Review and discuss the items proposed for future meetings:

Shirley Hodson, Chair, indicated that the Committee would plan a public meeting to display Raymond Menard's plans.

Shirley Hodson, Chair, reported that she had received several calls

from concerned residents and that one in particular had encouraged her to “keep up the fight”.

Albert Lapierre suggested that there would be more activity after the special election.

5. MOTION to adjourn at 10:15 P.M.

Motion by Mona Minutelli. Seconded by Albert Lapierre.

Jacqueline Zahn, a resident of Pascoag, asked the Committee whether they intended to consider and act on item 3. A). Shirley Hodson, Chair, asked for clarification of the item by the Town Clerk. The Clerk indicated that the law/documents relative to requirements for ballot question advocacy and reporting had been requested by Kathan Mospaw. Mrs. Hodson indicated that the information would be forwarded to Ms. Mospaw.

Ms. Zahn asked whether Ms. Mospaw was a member of the Committee, appointed by the Town Council. Mrs. Hodson confirmed that she was.

The vote was unanimous by the three members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Shirley Hodson, Albert Lapierre and Mona Minutelli. Raymond Menard and Ronald Blanchard were not present.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk